

Warrant officer opportunities

Warrant officers are a small, elite and specialized corps of military professionals. Commanders rely on warrant officers as their experts on the ground who can be counted on to get the job done no matter what. Warrants are officers with all the rights, privileges and prestige that accompany higher levels of responsibility and leadership.

The Signal Regiment has two warrant officer military occupational specialties, with a total population of around 350 men and women. Opportunities exist for mobile subscriber equipment/triservice tactical network management technician, MOS 250N; and data processing technician (information systems technician), MOS 251A.

Warrants are eligible for retirement after completing 20 years active federal service; however, warrants now have the option of serving up to 30 years of active warrant officer service or to age 62, whichever comes first. Promotion time-in-grade has been accelerated to chief

warrant officer three, four and five. Chief warrant officers two, three and four will normally be promoted when they have five years time-in-grade.

Warrant officers receive military education at four levels as they progress through the ranks: Warrant Officer Basic Course as a warrant officer one; Warrant Officer Advanced Course on promotion to chief warrant officer three; Warrant Officer Staff Course at promotion to chief warrant officer four; and the Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course at chief warrant officer five. Warrants are authorized civilian degree completion up to a bachelor's degree, and some jobs are coded for master's degree programs. Warrants are also authorized Training with Industry, a program that sends an officer to work in civilian industry with a follow-on tour using the training and experience gained in TWI.

Outstanding Signal noncommissioned officers who are career professionals, who enjoy serving their country, who are seeking better pay, advancement, training opportunities and the chance to lead the most technological army in the world into the future may apply for warrant officer appointment. For more information, contact CW5 Pete Hewitt at DSN 780-8183 or commercial (706) 791-8183; email hewittp@emh.gordon.army.mil.

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"WHCA provides a wide array of telecommunication services to the President and his staff at the White House complex and at locations he visits worldwide. The soldiers, sailors and airmen assigned to WHCA are exposed to a wide array of unique circuits and networks, and have the opportunity to work closely with their peers in other military services and government agencies. My role at WHCA is to manage the cryptographic material used to secure the voice and data circuits serving the White House. Like most members of WHCA, I also travel as a member of the communication support teams, which precede presidential visits. We install and operate the equipment and networks which keep the commander in chief connected back to Wash-

The Signal experience



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ington from anywhere in the world, at all times, regardless of the circumstances. This includes very-high-frequency radio, secured voice and data and audio-visual support. I've been fortunate to have had a wide variety of Signal-related assignments in 18 years of Army service. Every assignment has been challenging and rewarding due to the rapidly changing technology in the Signal field, and the chance to work with the superb caliber of soldiers in the Army."